

REMARKS

In this Amendment, claim 2 is amended to recite: "said stringent conditions comprise washing the filter with 0.1 to 2 x SSC solution at 65°C."

In the Notice of Allowance dated July 19, 2006, non-elected claims 5-23 were canceled, and claim 2 was amended to recite that the stringent conditions comprise washing the filter with "0.1 x SSC solution at 65 °C."

However, page 7, line 15 of the specification recites that the stringent conditions comprise washing the filter with "0.1 to 2 x SSC," and Applicants respectfully submit that the claims may appropriately recite the same.

In view of the above, allowance of this application is believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

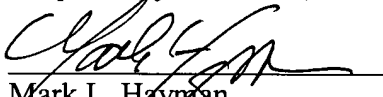
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